

to fix the air tariff by competing with private airlines who are making offer of Rs. 9 for Rs. 22,000 worth ticket; and

(b) whether there is any law contemplated to regulate air tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Closure of registered companies

587. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered companies in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of closed companies out of the registered companies; State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the closure of the registered companies; and

(d) the scheme formulated by Government for the revival of the closed companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed (See below).

(c) The reasons for closure of registered companies may be one or more of the following:

(i) inability of commence the business;

(ii) unwillingness to do the business;

(iii) changed circumstances of the business due to business policy, Government policies;

(iv) financial sickness;

(v) economic unviability etc;

(d) There is no specific scheme formulated by the Government for the revival of the closed companies.

Statement*State-wise total number of companies registered and closed*

SI. No.	State	Total No. of Registered Companies	Total No. of closed Companies	Position as on
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50967	3702	31.10.06
2.	Assam	4731	10	16.11.06
3.	Bihar	9225	306	30.10.06
4.	Jharkhand	3466	155	30.10.06
5.	Gujarat	49494	6017	31.10.06
6.	Haryana	36455	2232	21.11.06
7.	Himachal Pradesh	2493	479	27.11.06
8.	J&K	2089	271	17.11.06
9.	Karnataka	35254	7953	30.11.06
10.	Kerala	16122	2773	31.10.06
11.	Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	15321	4004	31.10.06
12.	Maharashtra	165316	34102	31.10.06
13.	Manipur	185	1	16.11.06
14.	Meghalaya	530	1	16.11.06
15.	Nagaland	268	3	16.11.06
16.	Orissa	8970	1001	16.11.06
17.	Punjab	16912	4842	27.11.06
18.	Rajasthan	23275	1502	21.11.06
19.	Tamil Nadu	74703	11170	20.11.06
20.	Tripura	118	0	16.11.06

1	2	3	4	5
21.	Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal	32730	1646	20.11.06
22.	West Bengal	93049	6658	20.11.06
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	269	4	16.11.06
24.	Delhi	155652	16031	21.11.06
25.	Goa	4865	630	31.10.06
26.	Mizoram	40	1	16.11.06
27.	Pondicherry	2007	755	16.11.06
TOTAL:		804506	106279	

Classical language status to Kannada and Tulu

588. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the criteria for conferring classical language status on a language;
- (b) the number of Indian languages conferred the status so far and languages identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether there is a demand for conferring the classical language status on Kannada and Tulu; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) As per Notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the criteria for classification of a language as a classical language is as under:

- (i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.
- (ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.